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DAMAGE TO RAILWAY PROPERTIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any damage to Railways properties has been reported due to the recent floods and heavy rains in various parts of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to restore the normalcy of railway services?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. There has been damage to Railway properties on some zonal Railways due to recent floods and heavy rains. The damages are in the form of ballast washouts & embankments erosion, washouts in various affected stretches, partial damage to seven bridges and in some cases damage to overhead Electric lines and Signalling & Telecommunication gears. The approximate cost of such damages, as per preliminary estimates, is Rs. 143 Crore.

(c) Immediate necessary action is taken by Railways for restoration of rail services and repair & rehabilitation of damaged assets whenever there is disruption of traffic and damage to Railways assets due to floods. Necessary manpower, machinery & other resources are mobilized and work is taken up on war footing to restore the traffic first. Each Zonal Railway maintain stocks of items like boulders, sand, gunny bags, rails, sleepers and temporary spans at nominated places to meet with such emergent situations. Where required, the help of adjacent Zonal Railways is also taken.